

Serial No. 10/699,698

Docket No.: 1614.1372

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the Abstract has been amended and the claims have been amended to improve form and without the introduction of new matter. Approval and entry of the amended Abstract and claims are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 remain pending herein and all thereof are allowed, in accordance with Items 4 and 5 of the Action; further, the objections to claims 1-5 of Item 3 of the Action are submitted to be overcome as well as the objection to the Abstract in Item 2 of the Action by the foregoing amendments.

Item 1 of the Action asserts an objection to the disclosure do to the alleged informality of "the repeated use of 'a' instead of 'the' in the specification."

Applicants have reviewed the specification and submit that appropriate usages of the articles "a" and "the" exist throughout. It should be noted that "a" is an indefinite article and "the" is a definite article, which requires prior antecedent support of the noun with which "the" is used.

If the Examiner could be more specific as to any particular usages of "a" which are deemed improper, Applicants would be happy to review that issue again. At present, however, it is submitted that the objection is defective since indefinite and apparently requiring grammatically incorrect usages.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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